

### **REMARKS**

Claims 43-84 are now pending in the application. Claims 25-42 have been canceled by this amendment. Claims 73-84 have been added by this amendment.

### **RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 25-42, drawn to a corrosion inhibiting system, classified in class 252, subclass 387.
- II. Claims 43-59, drawn to a method of inhibiting corrosion of a substrate, classified in class 427, subclass 384.
- III. Claims 60-72, drawn to a method of inhibiting corrosion of substrate of a metal including aluminum, classified in class 427, subclass 402.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement and request reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the initial restriction requirement. Applicants make this request because Applicants submit that the Examiner has not established a prima facie showing that the claimed inventions are independent and/or that there is a serious burden on the Examiner.

With traverse, however, Applicants elect, for initial examination the claims of Group II (Claims 43-59). Applicants submit that Claims 60-84 should also be included in the elected Group II. Claim 60 has been amended to recite "preparing a metal substrate" and does not require aluminum. Thus, Applicants submit that Claims 43 and 60 can be examined simultaneously. In addition, Applicants submit that new Claims 76-

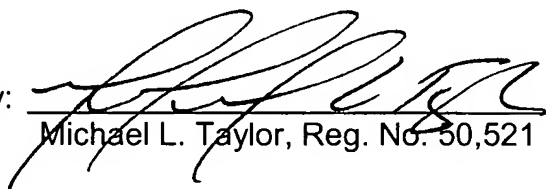
84 should be examined with the elected Group II. Therefore, Applicants submit that with the election of Group II each of the Claims 43-84 should be examined. Applicants also reserve the right to file any unelected claims in later filed divisional patent applications.

#### CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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